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SUBJECT: REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. DEPT. APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS ADDRESSEE POSTS OF STATE REFTEL.

2. IT WAS NOT, RPT. NOT, INTENTION OF STATE REFTEL THAT ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUBJECT REFUGEES. RATHER STATE REFTEL WAS INTENDED TO INFORM ADDRESSEE POST OF FUND AVAILABILITY FOR BONA FIDE REFUGEES SHOULD NEED ARISE AND EMBASSIES BE APPROACHED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS OUTLINED IN STATE REFTEL. WHILE CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESES ALREADY IN PLACE, AS DESCRIBED IN HONG KONG REFTEL, MIGHT WELL QUALIFY AS BONA FIDE REFUGEES AND BE ELIGIBLE IF NEED ARISES FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION, GIVEN LIMITATIONS ON FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, PRIME FOCUS FOR USAGE OF SUCH FUNDS SHOULD BE NEWLY ARRIVING REFUGEES WHO ARE DESTITUTE. DEPT. PRESUMES THOSE ALREADY LONG ESTABLISHED

IN PLACE ARE LIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENTLY ESTABLISHED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE EMERGENCY IF ASSISTANCE.

3. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAROLE INTO US OF EX-CAMBODIA AND EX-SOUTH VIETNAM REFUGEES HAS NOT, RPT. NOT, BEEN GIVEN. IT IS CURRENTLY UNDER INTENSIVE CONSIDERATION ON INTER-AGENCY BASIS IN WASHINGTON. DEPT. HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFO. ON PAROLE IN NEAR FUTURE. THUS, NO, RPT. NO, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSSIBLE PAROLE SHOULD BE MADE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA, UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED TO ASSIST IN CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND RESETTLEMENT. BOTH HAVE AGREED TO DO SO. THUS, IN CASE OF EX-CAMBODIA REFUGEES WE SUGGEST POSTS REFER REFUGEES TO EITHER UNHCR AND/OR ICEM WHERE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE AVAILABLE. FUNDING UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THOSE AGENCIES. WHERE NO LOCAL ICEM/UNHCR REPS.

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AVAILABLE, SUGGEST APPROACHES FOR ASSISTANCE BE MADE TO LOCAL REPS. OF U.S. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. FUNDING CAN ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THAT CHANNEL. DEPT. PREFERENCES FUNDING IN THIS MANNER AND NOT DIRECT EMBASSY FUNDING.

5. HOWEVER, SHOULD DIRECT EMBASSY FUNDING BE NECESSARY DUE TO LACK OF OTHER CHANNELS, FUNDING AUTHORIZATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON 24 HOUR/DAY, SEVEN DAY WEEK BASIS DIRECTLY

FROM DEPT. S/R/ORM IS ADMINISTERING FUNDS AND HAS
REPRESENTATION ON INDO-CHINA TASK FORCE AS WELL AS FULL
TIME DUTY OFFICER. SHOULD FUNDING AUTHORIZATION BE
REQUIRED, SEND IMMEDIATE NIACT CABLE FOR ATTENTION
S/R/ORM.

6. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE NOT, REP. NOT,
APPROACHED UNHCR, ICEM W/ RESPECT TO EX-SOUTH VIETNAM
REFUGEES. THUS, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DIRECT EMBASSY
FUNDING NECESSARY IN THESE CASES. FOLLOW PROCEEDURE OF
PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE.

7. ALL REQUESTS FOR FUNDING SHOULD CONTAIN SUFFICIENT
EXPLANATION AS TO WHY EMBASSY CONSIDERS RECIPIENTS OF
PROPOSED AID TO BEBONAFIDE REFUGEES. KISSINGER

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